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## MINAS PRIETAS NOTES

A Collection of Items Gathered at the Great Mining Camp.

Tuesday the camp was visited by Wolf Behrendt, the Guaymas wholesale merchant.

Dr. S. R. Rhodes, the dentist, is now at Prietas. Sunday Mrs. Rhodes came over from Hermosillo and joined him.

Wednesday morning John Grant left Prietas to look at a prospect he has about sixty miles southwest of Minas Prietas.

John Hawkaday has moved his barber shop from Minas Prietas to La Colorada, in the immediate vicinity of the new Hotel Central.

Tuesday evening the wire rope of the Amarillas tramway broke. It was replaced by the rope from the tailings tramway at the Colorada mill.

Tuesday afternoon Mr. O. K. Franklin of Denver, arrived in the camp en route to a point east of here, to examine some mining properties.

Mr. H. B. Ayers, representative of Fraser & Chalmers, is at the camp to see the starting up of the new, big air compressor at the Creston mine.

Mr. Chas. Fuman, brother of W. Fuman, engineer at La Colorada mill, is a recent arrival at the camp, having come directly from Philadelphia, Pa.

The capacity of La Colorada mill is to be immediately doubled, several new Huntington mills, from Fraser & Chalmers, to be put in for that purpose.

This week George Wieland has been to a promising property some eighteen miles east of Prietas, to make a report for some of his friends who expect to invest.

This week Señor Juan Peterson of the extensive commercial house of F. Von Borstel, at Guaymas, has been at Minas Prietas and La Colorada, on business.

The two months old baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Powell has been very ill this week, and twice on Monday and Monday night it was in a very critical condition.

Mr. J. C. Pearce of El Paso, Texas, is a recent arrival at the camp, having come over to look out for some interests on the outside. Mr. Pearce was a resident of Nogales in 1888-9.

Messrs Archie McKenzie and Dave Richardson have gone to La Mesa, about 100 miles east of Prietas, in the interest of a Boston company which has bought a gold property in that vicinity.

The Grand Central mill, with ten stamps and three Huntington mills is making a per diem record of fifty-eight tons of Amarillas ore, out of which ninety-eight per cent of the value is secured. Tom Thompson is the efficient superintendent of the mill.

The new four compartment shaft at the Grand Central mine is going down as rapidly as men and money can sink it. A depth of 149 feet has already been reached. A temporary hoist, worked by a donkey engine, has been erected, and another engine, now at the Verde mine, is to be put in. The old hoisting machinery formerly in use at the Creston shaft is being overhauled at the shop, and will be erected at the Grand Central.

A new town, named La Primavera, has sprung up on the flat south of Las Amarillas mine, and it is considered a choice residence location, as being much healthier than La Colorada or Las Prietas.

Señor Luciano Monteverde, presidente of the municipality of Minas Prietas, has bought the stock of goods and real property of Manuel Illigo, and is enlarging and altering the premises preparatory to an extensive enlargement of the business.

The new mammoth air compressor at the Creston mine is completed, and with a little adjustment will be ready to run steadily. It is one of the largest and finest machines of the kind in the world, and works like a watch.

The happiest man in the camp is Joe Thompson. On Monday THE OASIS man found him counting up his money, hats and boxes of cigars—all won on McKinley. He has enough hats to last until the next election, enough cigars to keep him smoking a year, and enough "dobe" dollars to load a burro.

In the Grand Central mine a drift is being run on the 300 level to the new shaft. There are about 180 feet, which will bring the drift to the site of the new shaft about 500 feet below the surface. From the drift an upraise will be cut to meet the downcoming shaft. Mr. W. V. O'Daley is engineer in charge of the work.

One night last week, while fixing the electric lighting wires at the Creston hoist, Harry Davidson, chief electrician, lost his footing overhead and fell a distance of twenty feet, right into the hoisting machinery. Fortunately, at that moment, the machinery was not in motion, or he would have been crushed lifeless. As it was he got off with several severe sprains and contusions.

Two new cyanide plants of 100 tons capacity each are to be erected at the Minas Prietas and La Colorada mills. They will work tailings and concentrates. Those at the Minas Prietas will first be roasted while those at La Colorada will be worked raw. At Minas Prietas the new plant will be located where the blacksmith shop and assay office are now. A new building for the assay office is to be erected farther up the hill.

Judge Ambrosio G. Noriega has taken the old Hotel Cosmopolita, is renovating and refitting it thoroughly and will reopen the house under the name of the Amarillas Hotel about the 15th inst. The building has been wonderfully improved, and the furnishings will all be first class, while the table will be unrivalled. The public can be assured of a hearty welcome and the best service.

Intelligence from Elgin Belyen, who was taken to San Francisco a month ago, the victim of an explosion of giant powder caps, conveys the information that an examination of his remaining eye by the X ray had demonstrated that there were three pieces of copper in that, totally destroying the sight, and the surgeons had removed it. The arm which had been amputated here required another amputation, which would be performed in a few days. As soon as able to travel he will return to Minas Prietas, but will always be a cripple and hopelessly blind.

## NOGALES NOTES.

A Running Account of Occurrences in the Line Cities.

Torres & Minas Prietas Railway.

While trains of the Torres & Minas Prietas railway are running within a mile of La Colorada, it is expected that by the first of December they will be running through to Minas Prietas and that the various tracks to all the mills will be completed. The depot at La Colorada will be on the flat just west of the Pedro Negro building, and it is reported that Mr. Seymour has bought that structure for general office purposes. The main line passes in front of that building, and a little east a branch turns off, crosses the valley and winds up the hill over the divide to Las Amarillas mill and hoist, and another branch swings around, when the valley is crossed, and terminates in front of La Colorada mill. The main line terminates at the Minas Prietas mill, where will be the station for the town of Prietas, and the new Grand Central hoist and mill will be reached by a branch leaving the main line somewhere about the present terminus of the road. The branches to the various mills have been beset with engineering difficulties, which have required three per cent grades to overcome. The grading is fast approaching completion, and as soon as the ties come it will be a matter of only a few days to lay the track. The ties are on the water and expected at Guaymas shortly.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida Street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without results everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in coughs and colds. Free trial bottles at Chenoweth & Mix's drug store.

Tuesday Mr. Harry W. Kurtz of Baltimore, Md., representing the heavy fruit packing house of J. H. Seward & Co., was at Nogales en route to Hermosillo, to attend the shipment of the coming season's orange crop for that firm. Mr. Kurtz was at Hermosillo in the same interest last season.

Yesterday morning Marguerite, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Avery, passed away, aged about three months. Interment from family residence on Avery avenue this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

General Wheaton at the Town He Named.

Brigadier General Frank Wheaton, U. S. A., commanding the department of the Colorado, arrived in Nogales Wednesday on his special car, accompanied by Mrs. Wheaton, Miss Wheaton, Miss Beatrice Hambleton and Lieutenant Langhorne, his aid de camp.

The general had just finished a tour of inspection of the forts and posts in his department, and was en route to Hermosillo where he went to confer with General Luis Torres, commander of the first military zone of Mexico, upon matters relating to the subjection of the renegade Indians that infest the border.

At three o'clock Wednesday afternoon the general and his aid, Lieutenant Langhorne, were invited to the American Consulate by Consul R. H. Long, where they met a number of the prominent citizens from both sides of the line and a couple of hours were pleasantly passed in exchange of courtesies and conversation.

In the evening the ladies of the party and Lieut. Langhorne, accompanied by Consul Long and Marshall Bird, visited the principal places of interest and curiosity of which our little city can boast, after which the ladies returned to their car and were soon on their way to Hermosillo.

General Wheaton is more than ordinarily interested in Nogales as he gave this place the name it now bears. In 1850 when the United States engineers were surveying the international boundary line, the general, who was then but eighteen years of age, was a lieutenant of engineers, and in command of the advance party who camped on the spot of what is now known as Nogales. During the work of surveying the line at this point Lieutenant Wheaton encountered two "nogales" (the Spanish for walnut) trees, one on each side of the boundary line. In his report to Washington the lieutenant recommended that the spot be named "Los Dos Nogales," but the officials there cut off the "Los Dos" and left it plain Nogales, which it has ever since remained.

The general and his party returned from Hermosillo this morning and tonight they will return to Denver.

News Notions and Novelties.

Spanish and English Interpreters and Dictionaries, Mexican Mining and Stamp Laws, Sonora and Mexico Maps, Opals, Fillgree Silver, Drawn, Linen and Souvenir Spoons, Magazines, Blank Books and Stationery, Pocket Cutlery, Smokers Articles Toilet Goods, etc., etc.

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Doctor Wakeman, surgeon of the Cleveland & Montezuma Mining Co., came up from Lampazos Thursday morning, en route to El Paso. He will return Monday.

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